

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 2, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-5 and 11-13 were pending in this Application. Claims 6-10 were previously cancelled by Applicants without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-5 and 11-13 were rejected. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Claims 14-19 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 13 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,404,443 issued to Larry Alan Westerman ("Westerman"). Applicants cancelled Claim 13 without prejudice.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,740,389 issued to Shih-Gong Li et al. ("Li et al."). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Claims 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,638,505 issued to Kathleen Hemenway et al. ("Hemenway et al."). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combination, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

In order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the references cited by the Examiner must disclose all claimed limitations. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 U.S.P.Q. 580 (C.C.P.A. 1974). Furthermore, according to § 2143 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the

reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, not in applicant's disclosure. *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 U.S.P.Q.2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

In the section "Response to Arguments" of the above mentioned office action, the Examiner indicated that Applicants relied on the limitation "tabs" which were not recited in the claims. Applicant amended independent claim 1 to include this limitation. Thus, all arguments regarding this limitation made in the last response are hereby incorporated by reference. In summary, Li does not disclose any visible tab of a concealed register but rather only discloses a visible portion of a table through which a user can scroll by moving the cursor to the bottom row.

Moreover contrary to the Examiner's analysis, Li is not concerned with an automation system and its particular elements such as a hardware rack having multiple receiving locations and a plurality of automation equipment modules wherein the hardware rack is configured by selecting and placing modules into the hardware rack. Li discloses a graphical representation of a data base and its management. Similarly, Hemenway does not disclose a configuration tool for an automation system including a hardware rack and selectable modules. Hemenway merely discloses a general operating system.

The dependent claims include all the limitations of independent claim 1 and are, thus, patentable at least to the extent of independent claim 1.

New Claim 14 includes all limitations of former dependent claim 11 and independent claim 1. New Claim 15 focuses on the combination of marking up selectable receiving locations in combination with the display of a register dialog. Dependent Claims 16-19 correspond to former claims 2-5.

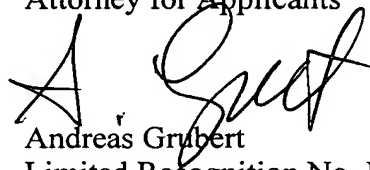
CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2545.

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